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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL ARTICLE ON SUBJECT JULY 20, PAGE B3, HEADED "CANADA VOWS TO MAKE BEST OF TAPS PLAN":

BEGIN QUOTE

NOW THAT THE UNITED STATES SEEMS TO BE FAVORING A TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE AND A WEST COAST TANKER ROUTE FOR TRANSPORTING ALASKA OIL, CANADA WILL HAVE TO MAKE THE BEST OF A BAD SITUATION, ENERGY MINISTER DONALD MACDONALD HAS SUGGESTED.

CANADA, THE MINISTER ADDED, IS ALREADY PREPARED TO OFFER THE UNITED STATES A FULL SUPPLY OF CANADIAN OIL TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CHERRY POINT, WASH., REFINERY COMPLES SOUTH OF VANCOUVER.

IN EXCHANGE, CANADA WOULD WANT A U.S. AGREEMENT TO HAVE OIL TANKERS TAKE THE ALASKA OIL TO MORE SOUTHERN POINTS IN CALIFORNIA, INSTEAD OF TO THE PUGET SOUND AREA AS NOW ENVISAGED, MR. MACDONALD SAID.
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CANADA WOUD ALSO ASK FOR AN AGREEMENT THAT THE OIL TANKERS
TRAVEL FURTHER AWAY FROM CANADA'S WEST COAST THAN NOW SEEMS
LIKELY, TO MINIMIZE FURTHER THE CHANCE OF OIL SPILLS DAMAGING
CANDA'S LENGTHY COASTLINE.

MR. MACDONALD STATED THAT AS SOON AS THE U.S. INTENTION TO
GO AHEAD WITH A TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE SYSTEM IS CLEAR, CANDA
WILL GO TO THE UNITED STATES AND MAKE THE OFFER FORMALLY.

THE MINISTER AGREED THAT WITH THIS WEEK'S U.S. SENATE MOVES
TO OPEN THE WAY FOR THE TAPS PROJECT, THE UNITED STATES ALREADY
SEEMS TO BE MOVING TOWARD A TRANS-ALASKA ROUTE INSTEAD OF AN
ALTERNATIVE ROUTE THROUGH CANADA, ALONG THE MACKENZIE RIVER VALLEY.

CANDA IS ALREADYSUPPLYING THE CHERRY POINT REFINERIES
WITHSOME ALBERTA OIL, HE SAID, BUT THE CANADIAN OFFER TO THE
UNITED STATES WOULD BE TOSUPPLY THE COMPLETE NEEDS, PRESENT AND
FUTURE, OF THE REFINERIES. END QUOTE
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